The Ministry of Home Affairs has issued guidelines to the State Governments to give more focused attention to improving the administration of criminal justice system and to take such measure as are necessary for the prevention of crime against women. In an advisory sent to the State Governments on 5th May, 2004, they have been *inter-alia* requested to exhibit help line numbers of the Crime Against Women Cells prominently in hospitals/schools/colleges premises, and in other suitable places. Further, they have been asked to ensure that there is no delay in registration of FIR in all cases of crime against women as well as in all such cases, thorough investigation and filing of the chargesheets against the accused should be done within three months from the date of occurrence without compromising on the quality of investigation.

Violent incidents by Naxalites

†281. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of violent incidents by Naxalites and Maoists has increased in the country during the last year;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard; and

(c) the names of the States affected by violent activities of various organizations alongwith the names of such organizations as per the assessment of Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) There were 903 incidents of naxalite violence during the first half of the current year as against 976 incidents during the corresponding period of 2004. The level of naxalite violence was down by 4% in 2004 over 2003 [1533 incidents in 2004 as against 1597 in 2003].

(c) Certain districts in States of Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, Bihar, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Karnataka are affected by naxalite violence in varying degrees.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

The major naxalite groups such as CPML-PW, MCCI [now merged to form CPI (Maoist)] and CPML-LIB, CPML-JS/KR are behind the violent incidents in these States.

Measures to deal with organised Mafia and Extremists

282. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the meeting of Eastern Zonal Council, he has asked the Naxalite infected States to speed up measures to deal with organized mafia and extremists;

(b) whether Government has drawn up some action plan to speed up this process;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of financial help rendered to Orissa and other similarly placed States to fight this menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) In the meeting of Eastern Zonal Council held on 30.5.2005 at Ranchi, the Union Home Minister advised the naxalite affected States *inter-alia* to take suitable action for arresting naxals crossing State boundaries. He also observed that general crimes, particularly organized crimes, having inter-State ramifications is another area of concern. He requested the State Governments to join together and exchange information about organized criminal gangs operating in more than one State with a view to breaking inter-State crime syndicates.

(b) and (c) To facilitate better sharing of crime information, Crime Criminal Information System (CCIS) and organized Crime Intelligence System (OCIS) pilot projects have been taken up by the Government of India. The States have been advised to make full use of these projects. Further, in order to pursue a coordinated approach to curb naxalite violence and activities, Government of India has recently constituted a standing committee under the chairmanship of the Union Home Minister with the Chief Ministers of 13 naxalite affected States and the Minister of State in the Home Ministry incharge of internal security, as its members.